

opening round of the Somme battle. The French *French* attacked to the south of the British Front *offensive* the with five divisions. The Germans were *surprise* expecting the British, but not the French *feature* attack, and in consequence the French advanced with lightning speed, pushed the line forward five miles on the first day, and within five days could report 9,000 prisoners and 60 guns captured for less than 8,000 total French casualties.

(i) *The defeat of Roumania.*

The swift destruction of Roumania in September-October, 1916, must count as one of the most successful *Unexpected* campaigns of the War. Among the chief *elements* in determining factors in the German victory *German attack* were these on Roumania

(1) It was believed that the Carpathian passes at that date were inaccessible to artillery and transport. They were not.

(2) The prompt declaration of war on Roumania by Bulgaria, followed by Mackensen's brilliant advance through the Dobrudja, these were unexpected developments. It had been thought that Bulgaria would delay or avoid open hostilities with Roumania, and that the Bulgaro-German forces would be too much occupied by the Salonika force to intervene.

(3) The Allies were assured that the Germans were so shattered and strained by the tremendous assaults on the Somme that they could

not spare
a battalion for Roumania. It
was indeed a
surprise to find that several
German divisions
were withdrawn from the Western Front
at the
height of the Battle of the Somme
to furnish